

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1645 - HB 1785

March 30, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the current prohibition regarding sales of firearms to persons who have been convicted of stalking, who are addicted to alcohol, and who are ineligible to receive firearms under 18 U.S.C. § 922. Requires persons licensed to sell firearms to adhere to the guidelines prescribed by the federal Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act. All transfers and purchases of firearms conducted by a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, or licensed dealer shall be subject to the national instant criminal background check system (NCIS).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$480,000

Decrease State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), this bill would allow a person in possession of a valid handgun carry permit to purchase firearms without being subject to the NCIS background check. For each background check conducted, TBI receives \$10 or approximately \$2.4 million each year. A decrease in state revenue of 20 percent (\$480,000) is estimated as a result of this bill.
- A decrease in expenditures for processing background checks. TBI is unable to quantify the decrease.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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